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COUNTRY TOPIC Zerbst Airfield

EVALUATION [REDACTED] 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED] 25X1

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 14 April 1952

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. On 22 March 1952, no air activity was observed at Zerbst airfield from the town. There was a 5/10 overcast at an altitude of 600 to 800 meters and a visibility of about 2 km. Between 10 a.m. and noon on 23 March, [REDACTED] observed the field from its western and northern sides. Aircraft stationed at the installation included 7 swept-back jet fighters parked southwest of the west end of the runway, 5 swept-back jet fighters and 1 biplane in front of the hangars, and 6 swept-back jet fighters in the northern section of the field. The interior of the hangars could not be seen. During the period of observation, there was no air activity. Between 3 and 5 p.m. on 25 March, flying was practiced by swept-back jet fighters. The visibility was limited to 2 or 3 km, and the weather was partly cloudy. Usually three swept-back jet fighters were in the air at the same time.

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2. Between 12:30 and 1 p.m. on 28 March, [REDACTED] observed the field from its western end. There was a 10/10 overcast at an altitude of about 400 meters and a visibility of 800 to 1,000 meters. Seven swept-back jet fighters were parked southwest of the west end of the runway and three planes of the same type were in front of the hangars. No air activity was observed. Trucks [REDACTED] entered and left the field.

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- * [REDACTED] Comment. The report confirms that Zerbst airfield is occupied by MIG-15s. Two fighter regiments with a total of about 60 planes are stationed at the field. Most of the aircraft were probably parked in the hangars during the periods of observation.

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